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December 20, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate
Schedules and Tariffs
Docket No. 2018-319-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I enclose the Affidavits of Publication for the Revised Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines on the Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs, for filing in connection with the referenced matter. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC published the notice in newspapers having general coverage in its service territory.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at 864.370.5045.

Yours truly,

Heather Shirley Smith

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record w/enc.

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 COUNTY OF YORK


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 Renee Jones
 Inside Classified Accounts
 Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 3rd day of December, 2018


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REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE DEADLINES
DOCKET NO. 2018-319-E

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs

On November 8, 2018, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas" or the "Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail electric rates, charges, and tariffs. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§56-27-820 and 56-27-870 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-303 and 103-923.

In its Application, Duke Energy Carolinas seeks rate changes to increase annual revenues by 10% or \$158 million, to be updated to account for known and measurable expenses for grid investments of approximately \$16 million in 2020 and \$20 million in 2021. The Company states that recent work to modernize the electric system, generate cleaner power, responsibly manage and close coal ash basins, improve reliability, and continuously improve service to customers have made it necessary to request a net increase in retail revenues. The Company's request includes \$48 million in net tax benefits resulting from the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and \$17 million from a reduction in North Carolina state taxes allocable to South Carolina. The Company states in its Application that its request is driven by capital investments and environmental compliance progress made by the Company since its previous rate case, including the further implementation of the Company's generation modernization program, which consists of retiring, replacing and upgrading generation plants; investments in customer service technologies; and the Company's continued investments in base work to maintain its transmission and distribution systems.

The Company also requests approval of its proposed Grid Improvement Plan, adjustments to its Prepaid Advantage Program, and a variety of accounting orders related to ongoing costs for environmental compliance, grid investments between rate changes, incremental depreciation expense and the balance of development costs associated with the cancellation of the Lee Nuclear Project. Finally, the Company seeks approval to establish a reserve and accrual for end of life nuclear costs for nuclear fuel and materials and supplies.

Duke Energy Carolinas requests that the proposed increases be effective on June 1, 2019. According to the Company's proposal in the Application, a typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh will see an increase of approximately \$15.57 per month beginning with the rate effective date in this case, requested to be June 1, 2019, and then an increase of \$1.54 per month beginning June 1, 2020 and an additional \$1.92 per month beginning June 1, 2021, to incorporate costs for grid investments per the Grid Improvement Plan described in the Application. Page 19 of the Application describes the Grid Improvement Plan, which can be described, in part, as a long-term initiative built upon strategic, data-driven investments to improve reliability to avoid outages and speed restoration; harden the grid to protect against cyber and physical threats; and to expand solar and other innovative technologies across a two-way, smart-thinking grid. The Company proposes additional rate changes for 2020 and 2021 to reflect the remaining years of the three year plan, with costs captured in a regulatory asset for recovery between rate changes. The Company proposes an increase in the Residential Basic Facilities Charge from \$8.29 to \$28.00 per month effective June 1, 2019.

A copy of the Company's Application, as well as the proposed rates, charges and tariffs may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Heather Strinsky Smith, Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 40 W. Broad Street, Suite 600, Greenville, South Carolina 29601; or Frank R. Elberle, III, Esquire, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, P.C., Post Office Box 11449, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before February 1, 2019, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2018-319-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket. Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before February 1, 2019. Please refer to Docket No. 2018-319-E.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S.C. Code Ann. 56-27-870, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through March 22, 2019, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and intervenors only): All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record, Prefiled Testimony Deadlines. Other Parties of Record Direct Testimony Due: 2/28/2019; Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony Due: 3/1/2019; and Other Parties of Record Surrebuttal Testimony Due: 3/18/2019. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-319-E.

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State of South Carolina

City of Anderson

{ Affidavit

Personally appeared before me, Diana Hood Baquet, who being duly sworn, says that she is the Legal Administrator of the Independent-Mail daily newspaper, published at Anderson, South Carolina a Public Notice for **Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC** for a notice of **Filing and Hearing in Docket 2018-319-E** appeared in the issues of **December 3, 2018**.

Copy of said advertisement is attached hereto.

Signed: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 3 day of
December, 2018.

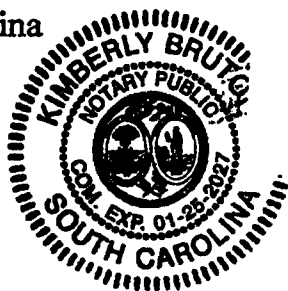
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In its Application, Duke Energy Carolinas seeks rate changes to increase annual revenues by 10% or \$168 million, to be updated to account for known and measurable expenses for grid investments of approximately \$16 million in 2020 and \$20 million in 2021. The Company states that recent work to modernize the electric system, generate cleaner power responsibly, manage and close coal ash basins, improve reliability, and continually improve service to customers have made it necessary to request a net increase in retail revenues. The Company's request includes \$46 million in net tax benefits resulting from the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and \$17 million from a reduction in North Carolina state taxes allocable to South Carolina. The Company states in its Application that its request is driven by capital investments and environmental compliance projects made by the Company since its previous rate case, including the further implementation of the Company's generation modernization program, which consists of retiring, replacing and upgrading generation plants; investments in customer service technologies; and other Company's continued investments in base work to maintain its transmission and distribution systems.

The Company also requests approval of its proposed Grid Improvement Plan adjustments to its Prepaid Advantage Program and a variety of accounting orders related to ongoing costs for environmental compliance, grid investments, between rate changes, incremental depreciation expenses, and the balance of development costs associated with that cancellation of the Lee Nuclear project. Finally, the Company seeks approval to establish a reserve and accrual for end-of-life nuclear costs for nuclear fuel and materials and supplies.

Duke Energy Carolinas requests that the proposed increases be effective on June 1, 2019. According to the Company's proposal in the Application, a typical residential customer, using 1,000 kWh, will see an increase of approximately \$16.57 per month beginning with the rate effective date in this case, requested to be June 1, 2019, and then an increase of \$15.4 per month beginning June 1, 2020, and an additional \$1.92 per month beginning June 1, 2021, to incorporate costs for grid investments per the Grid Improvement Plan described in the Application. Page 19 of the Application describes the Grid Improvement Plan, which can be described in part as a long-term initiative built upon strategic, data-driven investments to improve reliability to avoid outages and speed restoration; harden the grid to protect against cyber and physical threats; and to expand solar and other innovative technologies across a two-way smart thinking grid. The Company proposes additional rate changes for 2020 and 2021 to reflect the remaining years of the three-year plan, with costs captured in a regulatory asset for recovery between rate changes. The Company proposes an increase in the Residential Basic Facilities Charge

effective June 1, 2019.

A copy of the Company's Application, as well as the proposed rates, charges and terms may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, General Office, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Heather Shirley, South Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 240 W. Broad Street, Suite 600, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, or Frank R. Eller, Esquire, Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, P.C., Post Office Box 91449, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenor's Only): All Parties of Record must prepare testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Parties must submit testimony to the Office of Record Direct Testimony due 2/25/2019. Applicant's Substantial Testimony due 3/12/2019 and Other Parties of Record Substantial Testimony due 3/15/2019. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information posted on www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2018-319-E.

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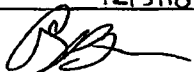
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 COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the State and County
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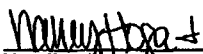
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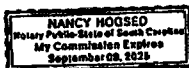
Owen Button

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 19th day of December, 2018



Nancy Hogsted
 Notary Public for South Carolina
 My Commission Expires September 9th, 2025



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2. Date of interview: [REDACTED]

3. Location of interview: [REDACTED]

4. Name of the interviewer: [REDACTED]

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6. Title of the interviewee: [REDACTED]

7. Organization of the interviewee: [REDACTED]

8. Purpose of the interview: [REDACTED]

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